

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1                   1.       (currently amended) A method for sending a message to a recipient, the  
2 ~~recipient associated with a plurality of devices~~, the method comprising:  
3                   receiving a message from a sender to a recipient;  
4                   determining a recipient identifier for the recipient for the message, the recipient  
5 identifier usable to determine a plurality of device types that are associated with the recipient;  
6                   determining ~~a the plurality of devices~~ device types associated with the recipient  
7 using the identifier, wherein device identifiers are associated with each device in the plurality of  
8 ~~devices~~ device types ~~are associated with a device identifier and a communication type~~;  
9                   dynamically determining a device type in the plurality of devices device types in  
10 which to send the message in response to receiving the message from the sender based on the  
11 ~~communication type associated with the device~~; and  
12                   sending the message to the ~~determined device at its device identifier~~ associated  
13 with the determined device type.

1                   2.       (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein dynamically  
2 determining the device type comprises determining the device type based on content of the  
3 message.

1                   3.       (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising  
2 determining communication capabilities for devices device types in the plurality of  
3 ~~devices~~ device types, wherein determining the device type comprises determining the device type  
4 based on the communication capabilities for the plurality of devices device types.

1                   4.       (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising  
2 determining one or more preferences associated with the recipient, wherein dynamically  
3 determining the device type comprises determining the device type based on the one or more  
4 preferences.

1                   5.       (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising  
2 determining presence information for ~~devices~~the recipient~~in the plurality of devices associated~~  
3 ~~with the user~~, wherein dynamically determining the device type comprises determining the  
4 device type based on the presence information.

1                   6.       (currently amended) The method of claim 5, wherein the device type is  
2 determined based on presence information that indicates ~~the~~a device for the device type is  
3 active.

1                   7.       (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the received  
2 message is sent by a ~~second~~first device that communicates in a first protocol and the sent  
3 message is received by ~~the~~a second device that communicates in a second protocol.

1                   8.       (original) The method of claim 7, wherein the second device receives the  
2 message in the second protocol.

1                   9.       (canceled)

1                   10.      (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein dynamically  
2 determining the device type comprises:  
3                   determining a communication type in which to send the message; and  
4                   determining the device identifier associated with the communication type.

1                   11.      (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the received message does not  
2 specify the device identifier.

1                   12.      (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the received message is  
2 addressed to a different device identifier than the device identifier of the sent message.

1                   13.     (currently amended) A method for ~~determining a device in a plurality of~~  
2 ~~devices in which to send a~~sending a message, the method comprising:  
3                   receiving a message from a first user for a second user;  
4                   determining a user identifier for the recipient for the message, the user identifier  
5 usable to determine a plurality of device types that are associated with the recipient;  
6                   determining a device type in ~~a the plurality of devices~~device types associated  
7 with the second user using the identifier;  
8                   determining a format associated with the determined device type;  
9                   determining if the message needs to be adapted to the determined format;  
10                  if the message does need to be adapted, performing the steps of  
11                    adapting the message to the determined format; and  
12                    sending the adapted message to the determined device;  
13                  if the message does not need to be adapted, sending the message to a device  
14 identifier for the determined device type.

1                   14.     (original) The method of claim 13, wherein the received message  
2 comprises a first protocol, wherein the sent message is sent in a second protocol.

1                   15.     (original) The method of claim 13, wherein the format comprises at least  
2 one of a short message system (SMS), email, instant message (IM), and voice message format.

1                   16.     (original) The method of claim 13, wherein adapting the message  
2 comprises adapting content of the received message to content compatible with the determined  
3 format.

1                   17.     (canceled)

1                   18.     (original) The method of claim 17, wherein the received message does not  
2 specify the determined device identifier.

1                   19.     (original) The method of claim 17, wherein the received message is  
2 addressed to a different device identifier than the device identifier of the sent message.

1                   20.     (currently amended) The method of claim 13, wherein determining the  
2 device type comprises using at least one of content of the message, communication capabilities  
3 for the plurality of ~~devices~~device types, one or more preferences associated with the second user,  
4 and presence information for devices in the plurality of ~~devices~~device types associated with the  
5 second user.

1                   21.     (currently amended) A device configured to route messages for a plurality  
2 of users, the device comprising:

3                   a receiver configured to receive a message from a first user in the plurality of  
4 users;

5                   an identifier module configured determine a user identifier for the second user for  
6 the message, the user identifier usable to determine device types that are associated with the  
7 second user;

8                   a device type determiner configured to determine a device type in one or more  
9 ~~devices~~device types associated with a ~~the~~ second user in the plurality of users, the device type  
10 ~~determined based on one or more communication types associated with the one or more~~  
11 ~~devices~~using the identifier; and

12                   a sender configured to send the message to a device identifier associated with the  
13 determined device for the second user.

1                   22.     (currently amended) The device of claim 21, wherein the device type is  
2 determined based on at least one of communication capabilities of the one or more ~~devices~~device  
3 types, one or more preferences associated with the second user, and presence information for  
4 ~~devices~~device types in the plurality of ~~devices~~device types associated with the second user.

1                   23.     (currently amended) The device of claim 21, further comprising a  
2 formatter configured to format the received message to a format compatible with the determined  
3 device type.

1                   24.     (currently amended) The device of claim 21, further comprising a  
2 database configured to store information for one or more ~~devices~~device types associated with  
3 the plurality of users.

1                   25.     (canceled)

1                   26.     (currently amended) A system for sending messages, the system  
2 comprising:

3                   a plurality of users, each user associated with one or more ~~devices~~device types;  
4                   a message router configured to route messages from a first user to a second user,  
5 the message router comprising:

6                   a receiver configured to receive a message from the first user;  
7                   an identifier module configured determine a user identifier for the second  
8 user for the message, the user identifier usable to determine device types that are associated with  
9 the second user;

10                  a device determiner configured to determine a device type in one or more the  
11 plurality of device types ~~devices~~-associated with the second user, the device type determined  
12 ~~based on one or more communication types associated with the one or more devices~~ using the  
13 identifier; and

14                  a sender configured to send the message to a device identifier associated  
15 with the determined device type for the second user.

1                   27.     (currently amended) The system of claim 26, wherein the first user and  
2 second user comprise a first device that communicates in a first protocol and wherein the  
3 determined device type communicates in a second protocol, wherein the message is adapted to  
4 the second protocol.

1                   28.     (currently amended) The system of claim 26, wherein the first user  
2 comprises a device type that communicates in a communication type of at least one of email,  
3 SMS, MMS, IM, and voice.

1                   29.     (currently amended) The system of claim 26, wherein the communication  
2 types associated with the one or more ~~devices~~device types comprises at least one of email, SMS,  
3 MMS, IM, and voice.

1                   30.    (new) A method for sending a message to a recipient, the method  
2 comprising:  
3                   receiving a message from a sender to a recipient, the message being addressed to  
4 a username for the recipient;  
5                   determining a plurality of addresses associated with the recipient using the  
6 username, wherein the username for the recipient is different from the plurality of addresses  
7 associated with the recipient and the plurality of addresses being addresses in which the recipient  
8 can receive messages;  
9                   dynamically determining an address in the plurality of addresses in which to send  
10 the message in response to receiving the message from the sender; and  
11                   sending the message to the determined address for the recipient.

1                   31.    (new) The method of claim 30, wherein the plurality of addresses are  
2 associated with a plurality of device types.

1                   32.    (new) The method of claim 31, wherein the plurality of addresses are sent  
2 through different communication channels to the plurality of device types.

1                   33.    (new) The method of claim 1, wherein the recipient identifier is different  
2 from the device identifier.

1                   34.    (new) The method of claim 13, wherein the user identifier is different  
2 from the device identifier.

1                   35.    (new) The device of claim 21, wherein the user identifier is different from  
2 the device identifier.

- 1                    36.    (new) The system of claim 26, wherein the user identifier is different  
2    from the device identifier.